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International application No.

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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-22 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 2-16 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1 _____ received by this Authority on 27.01.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets fig. 1-17 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, nos. 17-19 _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-16	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are cited in the international search report.

Document 1: JP 10-308906 A (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.),
17 November 1998, paragraph [0007] and fig.
1, 2 and 4 (Family: none)

Document 2: CD-ROM of the specification and drawings
annexed to the request of Japanese Utility
Model Application No. 043146/1989 (Laid-open
No. 134782/1990) (Seiko Epson Corp.), 08
November 1990, page 10, line 2 to page 11,
line 19 and fig. 1 to 3 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 02-220576 A (Sony Corp.), 03 September
1990, page 3, upper left column, line 1 to
upper right column, line 3 (Family: none)

Document 5: JP 2001-356295 A (Minolta Co., Ltd.), 26
December 2001, abstract and fig. 1 & US
2002/24743 A1

Document 6: JP 2002-107658 A (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.);
10 April 2002, fig. 1, 13 and 14 & US
2002/63913 A1 & US 2004/61915 A

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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Claims 1 to 16

Documents 1 to 5 do not disclose the "video image display system for displaying video images in the space where a seat has been disposed, said system comprising a video image display device that is embedded within the seat and is configured so as to enlarge the video image that is displayed on the interior thereof and then project the enlarged video image from the one surface that is exposed from the back surface of the seat in order to form a virtual image within the field of view of the user...wherein said video image display device comprises an enlarging optical system and a case that houses the enlarging optical system, and the video image that has been enlarged by means of the enlarging optical system is projected from an opening that has been formed in the case in order to form the virtual image."

Furthermore, the video image display system in question is not obvious.